

### CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for registering an unregistered vendor in a network-based  
2 framework, comprising the steps of:  
3 (a) receiving at least one order from a first user utilizing a network, wherein the  
4 at least one order is directed to a second user that is not registered with the  
5 network-based framework;  
6 (b) getting contact information of the second user; and  
7 (c) transmitting a request to the second user using the contact information,  
8 wherein the request is for the second user to register with the network-based  
9 framework.
- 1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first user is a merchant and the  
2 second user is a vendor.
- 1 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.
- 1 4. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of allowing  
2 the first user to complete a blank purchase order.
- 1 5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the purchase order includes the  
2 contact information.
- 1 6. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of  
2 transmitting a notification relating to the order.

- 1 7. The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the notification is sent if the  
2 second user fails to register.
- 1 8. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the steps of  
2 charging the second user a fee based on the order, and paying the first user a  
3 rebate based on the order.
- 1 9. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the registration includes storing  
2 information relating to the second user in a database of the network-based  
3 framework, and other users are allowed to access the information.
- 1 10. The method as recited in claim 9, wherein the information in the database  
2 may be synchronized with information on a computing device which is  
3 connected to the database via the Internet.
- 1 11. A computer program product for registering an unregistered vendor in a  
2 network-based framework, comprising:  
3 (a) computer code for receiving at least one order from a first user utilizing a  
4 network, wherein the at least one order is directed to a second user that is not  
5 registered with the network-based framework;  
6 (b) computer code for getting contact information of the second user; and  
7 (c) computer code for transmitting a request to the second user using the contact  
8 information, wherein the request is for the second user to register with the  
9 network-based framework.
- 1 12. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first user  
2 is a merchant and the second user is a vendor.
- 1 13. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the network is  
2 the Internet.

- 1 14. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising  
2 computer code for allowing the first user to complete a blank purchase order.
- 1 15. The computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein the purchase  
2 order includes the contact information.
- 1 16. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising  
2 computer code for transmitting a notification relating to the order.
- 1 17. The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the  
2 notification is sent if the second user fails to register.
- 1 18. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising  
2 computer code for charging the second user a fee based on the order, and  
3 paying the first user a rebate based on the order.
- 1 19. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, and further comprising  
2 computer code for allowing other users to access information relating to the  
3 second user.
- 1 20. The computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
2 registration includes storing information relating to the second user in a  
3 database of the network-based framework, and other users are allowed to  
4 access the information.
- 1 21. The computer program product as recited in claim 20, wherein the  
2 information in the database may be synchronized with information on a  
3 computing device which is connected to the database via the Internet.

- 1 22. A system for registering an unregistered vendor in a network-based  
2 framework, comprising:  
3 (a) logic for receiving at least one order from a first user utilizing a network,  
4 wherein the at least one order is directed to a second user that is not  
5 registered with the network-based framework;  
6 (b) logic for getting contact information of the second user; and  
7 (c) logic for transmitting a request to the second user using the contact  
8 information, wherein the request is for the second user to register with the  
9 network-based framework.

- 1 23. A method for registering unregistered goods or services in a network-based  
2 framework, comprising the steps of:  
3 (a) receiving from a first user at least one order for goods or services of a second  
4 user utilizing a network, wherein the goods or services are not registered with  
5 the network-based framework;  
6 (b) notifying the second user of the order utilizing the network; and  
7 (c) allowing the second user to display information on the goods or services  
8 using the network-based framework in response to the notification.

- 1 24. A computer program product for registering unregistered goods or services in  
2 a network-based framework, comprising:  
3 (a) computer code for receiving from a first user at least one order for goods or  
4 services of a second user utilizing a network, wherein the goods or services  
5 are not registered with the network-based framework;  
6 (b) computer code for notifying the second user of the order utilizing the  
7 network; and  
8 (c) computer code for allowing the second user to display information on the  
9 goods or services using the network-based framework in response to the  
10 notification.

- 1   25.   A system for registering unregistered goods or services in a network-based
- 2       framework, comprising:
- 3   (a)   logic for receiving from a first user at least one order for goods or services of
- 4       a second user utilizing a network, wherein the goods or services are not
- 5       registered with the network-based framework;
- 6   (b)   logic for notifying the second user of the order utilizing the network; and
- 7   (c)   logic for allowing the second user to display information on the goods or
- 8       services using the network-based framework in response to the notification.

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